

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Original.

Philad^a 12th June. 1756.

Sir

The Express that waits upon you with this brings you the publick dispatches that came by Coll. Webb in the Packet to New York and will inform you of our American Staff.

Coll: Webb is to take upon him the Command of the Forces till one of the other Generals arrive and is gone to Albany for that purpose, where I am told an intire Alteration is to be made in our Friend Shirley's Plan (but I much doubt whether such Alteration will be for the better) and he is to be absolutely dismissed from all military Affairs. Tho' for want of activity he might not be so useful in the Field as a younger and more experienced Man, yet for his abilities in the Cabinet and his great Influence and Interest with the People of New England, I fear he will be much misssd.

It seems S^r W^m Johnson has a Pension granted him of £600 p Ann. and a Comission appointing him Colonel of the Northern Indians with Colonel's pay; And his Secretary M^r Wraxall has got a Captain's Comission for Major Rutherford's Independent Company.

Finding no likelihood of agreeing with my perverse Assembly and th^t for that reason I could not do the Good I proposed and cou'd wish to do in this troublesome Station, I gave the Proprietors notice sometime ago th^t I was grown quite tired of it & was fully determined to resign and desir'd they wou'd send another Gentleman to succeed me. In their last they tell me they had some Thoughts of appointing M^r Tho^s Pownall for their Governor here, and as I understand he is to come with Lord Louden he may be expected every day, and I sincerely wish him more Success and Happiness in his Administration than I have had; so that I have now a near prospect of being released and of returning to the desireable situation of a private Gentleman, in which and every other Capacity I shall always retain the highest regard and Esteem for you Dear Sir. and am.

Your Most Faithfull &
obed^t Humble Serv^t
Rob^t H. Morris.

I have inclosed you Copy of S^r Charles Hardies Letter on Indian Affairs and Copy of an Indian Speech w^{ch} please to get copied for Gov^r Dinwiddie